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SUBJECT: EARLY WARNING: NIGER RIVER ROAD BRIDGE-AJAOKUTA

REF: LAGOS A-73, MAY 12, 1975

1. EXECUTIVE OF WELL-PLACED ARAB CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM, DAR AL HANDASAH CONSULTANTS, 60 AWOLOWO ROAD, IKOYI, LAGOS, TELEPHONE 57849, MENTIONED TO EMBOFF THAT LARGE HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROJECT ASSOCIATED WITH PLANNED AJAOKUTA STEEL MILL SHOULD REACH CONSTRUCTION TENDER STAGE LATE OCTOBER. FIRM HAS COMPLETED DESIGN ANALYSIS AND IS PREPARING TENDER.

2. LISTED IN DEVELOPMENT PLAN (P. 208, PROJECT SUMMARY) AT NAIRA 30 MILLION (ABOUT DOLS 48 MILLION), BRIDGE ACTUALLY WILL COST NAIRA 70 MILLION (ABOUT DOLS 102 MILLION), ACCORDING SOURCE. (THIS ACCORDS WITH RECENT TREND IN NIGERIAN PROJECTS.) IT WILL BE 2/3 KILOMETERS LONG. DID NOT GO INTO DESIGN DETAILS BUT PROJECT MAY CONTAIN POTENTIAL FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AS WELL AS SERVICES. SINCE BRIDGE WILL SERVE HIGH-PRIORITY STEEL MILL PROJECT PLANNED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AJAOKUTA (REPORTED ON EXTENSIVELY SEPARATELY), PROJECT

PRESUMABLY WILL BE HIGHEST PRIORITY.

3. CONTACT IS DAR AL HANDASAH ABOVE, WHICH HAS OFFICES
THROUGHOUT NIGERIA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) WASHINGTON: ALERT QUALIFIED FIRMS, INCLUDING
BECHTEL, BROWN AND ROOT, J.A. JONES, J. RICH STEERS,
KAISER INDUSTRIES: MORRISON KNUDSEN, RAYMOND INT'L, REYNOLDS
CONSTRUCTION, S. J. GROVES (LAGOS 10907), AND OTHER SUITABLE
FIRMS.

B) COTONOU: INFORM MORRISON KNUDSEN, ALTHOUGH COMPANY
CONSISTENTLY STATES NO INTEREST IN NIGERIA.

C) KADUNA: INFORM GYADO-STEERS, JOS, WHICH WE UNDER-
STAND IS ASSOCIATE OF J. RICH STEERS, NEW YORK, WHICH
SPECIALIZES MARINE CONSTRUCTION (ALSO PLEASE CONFIRM ASSOCI-
ATION).
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